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SUBJECT:RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
SECRETARY FROM GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS

1. THE SECRETARY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOURTH OF JULY
MESSAGE FROM BITSIOS: BEGIN TEXT: MR. SECRETARY, ON THE
MEMORABLE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU MY MOST
HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS AND WARM WISHES FOR THE
PROSPERITY OF THE NOBLE AMERICAN NATION. OUR TWO PEOPLES
WILL CONTINUE TO SHARE AND DEFEND THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM,
DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN DIGNITY TO WHICH THIS LAND OF GREECE
GAVE BIRTH AND WHICH THE PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE
UPHELD. D. S. BITSIOS. END TEXT.

2. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO BITSIOS: BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MINISTER,

I DEEPLY APPRECIATED YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF
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INDEPENDENCE. THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM WHICH FORGED OUR

NATION AND SET ITS HISTORICAL PATTERN CONTINUES TO GUIDE
OUR COURSE TODAY. I HOPE THAT OUR TWO PEOPLES MAY
LIKEWISE CONTINUE IN THE CLOSE AND ABIDING FRIENDSHIP THAT
HAS ALWAYS BOUND US TOGETHER. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A.
KISSINGER. END TEXT.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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